

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, ATHY

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CHURCH NOTICES

On 3rd May, the government announced the roadmap for reopening society and lifting Covid 19 restrictions.

According to these guidelines:-

All churches are closed until 20th July at least. Phase 4, on 20th July states that 'Places of worship can be opened with social distancing measures.'

All those who had **baptisms or weddings** booked before this date have been contacted and these ceremonies have been postponed. Phase 5 on 10th August, will allow some larger social gatherings, such as weddings, to take place. These will be restricted to the risks involved.

All **First Holy Communions** have been postponed until after the summer holidays. A letter from the Parish Team has been sent out through the schools. If you are a parent or guardian of a child who was due to receive their First Holy Communion and did not receive this email from the school, please contact your school.

Funerals The current restrictions will remain in place. Funerals, including those who died Covid 19 positive, can hold a funeral Mass in church.

Attendance at funerals is kept to a max of 10 people-and only members of the household, close family or close friends. Social distancing and hand hygiene guidelines are adhered to. Phase Two which is on 8th June, allows a slightly larger number of people to attend funerals. This number will be announced closer to 8th June. A moving tribute to the deceased is when extended family, neighbours and friends line the route respecting social distancing. This is such a show of support to the family of the deceased.

The Parish Office is closed. However you can contact the Parish Secretary by phoning the usual Parish Office number 059 86 38391 which is diverting to the Parish Secretary who is working from home. Or you can email the parish at athyparishrc@eircom.net Letters or correspondence can be posted into the Parochial House.

If you want **Mass Intentions or anniversaries** prayed for, you can contact the Parish Secretary. If you wish to have a Mass card for those who are deceased or a Mass bouquet for the living, we can arrange to post these out to you.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 17TH MAY 2020

FIRST READING Acts 8:5-17

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

PSALM (Ps 66)

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3: 15-18

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (18a)

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

JOHN 14:16-17A

GOSPEL Jn 14:15-21

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live." (18-19)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass

*"In all your actions
seek in the first place the*

*Kingdom
of God*

& his glory!

-ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

EWTN catholic channel on sky.
Click on TV guide, click heading
Religion, then scroll down to
EWTN

Sunday Mass on KClr at 9.30 am

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Joe Perse, Clonmullion

Elizabeth 'Liz' Ovington, formerly Chanterlands & Mansfield Grove, who died in Cambridge, England,

Tom 'Terr' Gratton, formerly of Kilberry, who died in England.

David Quirke, Tipperary

Saturday 6 pm:

Months Mind:

Elizabeth 'Betty' Watchorn

Anniversaries:

Robert Eston (9th Anniv), Edward Myles, Ger & Kathleen Howard, P. Conlan, Peter McEnroe, William & Marion Sherlock, Dan Foley, Dec mem of Foley Family, Frank & Bridget Mulqueen, Hugh, Michael, Bridget & Owen Wall

10.30 am Shared Mass: Anniversaries:

Sean Flynn Barrowhouse 2nd Anniv., William & Marion Sherlock, Paddy Dooley, Noreen Carroll nee Dooley, Joe Walsh, Tom 'Kerr' Gratton (Rec. Dec), Dec mem of Gratton Family, George Chatfield Jnr., Bridie Harris, Hugh, Michael, Bridget & Owen Wall

Mon: 9.30 am:

Chris Byrne (Birthday Rem), Mary Morrin, Anne Redmond (1st Anniv), Special Intention

Tues 9.30 am:

Special Intention, Mary Moran, Celia Moran, Mary McCarthy, Anna Fleming, Afric McGinley, Joe & Bill Donnelly,

Wed: 9.30 am: Mary Foley (14th Anniv), Dec. mem of Foley Family, Bridie Harris

Thur: 9.30 am: Theresa Campbell, Seamus Dempsey, Dec mem of Dempsey & Conway Families, Special Intention

Fri: 9.30 am: Frank Byrne (1st Anniv), Special Intention

Although Church doors will be closed at the above Mass times, Masses will be offered for the named Intentions

If you would like your deceased loved one remembered contact the parish office number 059 86 38391 or text 085 1801 391. While the Covid-19 restrictions are in place please send post for Parish Office, to Parochial Hs., no1 Stanhope Place., Athy

Mass is celebrated every weekday at 9.30 am.

Rosary will be prayed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.00 am.

There will be a Holy Hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays including Rosary, after the 9.30 am Mass.

Mass is **broadcast** on 107.9 fm radio & via streaming on parish website www.parishofathy.ie

Young adults and their Faith experience during the Covid 19 pandemic

The Leadership Team for the Foundational Leadership Programme (FLP) invite young adults and youth leaders to take a four minute survey on their Faith Experience during the Covid 19 Pandemic. Take the Survey <https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/05/11/survey-young-adults-and-their-faith-experience-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-may-2020/>

ALONE COVID 19 HELPLINE

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Since ALONE launched the COVID-19 Coronavirus helpline for older people in March, they have received more than 18,000 calls from older people who need support, advice, or sometimes just reassurance. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.